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ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1—Introductory sermon.
2—Enrollment of Standing Committees.
3—Enrollment of Ordained Ministers.
4—Enrollment of Licentiates.
5—Enrollment of Churches and Delegates.
6—Organization.
7.—Appointment of Temporary Committees.
8—Petitionary Letters.
9—Hand of Fellowship to Visiting Members.
10—Reports from Churches.
11—Reports from Standing Committees.
12—Resolutions.
13—Reports from Temporary Committees.
14—Petition for next session of Conference.
15—Miscellaneous Business.
16—Vote taken for the sitting of the next session.
17—Election of Officers.
18—Election of delegates to other Conferences.
19—Arrangements of Introductory at next session.
20—Vote of thanks.
21—Adjournment.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Obituaries.—D. C. Johnson, D. R. Ennis.

Temperance.—Warren Jackson, W. R. Glover, J. F. Davis.

Education.—C. J. Thomas, J. H. Britt, W. B. Godwin.

Ministerial Labor.—C. J. Thomas, L. W. Warren, R. McLeod, N. E. Brock.

Executive.—B. P. Parks, W. A. Jackson, W. H. Lucas.

Mission Board.—J. C. Williford, C. J. Thomas.

Ordaining Council.—W. R. Coats, D. R. Ennis, B. P. Parks.

Apportionment Committee.—W. A. Jackson, W. H. Martin, Warren Jackson, C. J. Thomas.

ORDAINED MINISTERS AND THEIR POST OFFICE ADDRESSES.

Ennis, L. R.	Ayden, N. C.
Coats, W. R.	Smithfield, N. C.
Ennis, D. R.	Coats, N. C.
Faircloth, H. R.	Smithfield, N. C.
Glover, W. R.	Dunn, N. C.
Johnson, D. C.	Smithfield, N. C.
Moore, J. W.	Princeton, N. C.
Peavy, A. B.	Cooper, N. C.
Wallace, J. R.	Four Oaks, N. C.
Westbrook, Ezekiel	Benson, N. C.
Whittenton, J. G.	Coats, N. C.
Lancaster, W. H.	Smithfield, N. C
Parks, B. P.	Goldsboro, N. C.
Wooten, Herman	Ayden, N. C.
Warrick, M. A., Licentiate	Clinton, N. C.

PROCEEDINGS

The Seventy-First Annual Session of the Cape Fear Original Free Will Baptist Conference convened at Hopewell church on Thursday, October 29, 1925, at 12 M.

Elder B. P. Parks who was elected at last Conference to preach the introductory sermon attended and preached. Text: Isaiah 28-16, "Behold I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a precious corner stone, a sure foundation."

AFERNOON—FIRST DAY.

Conference assembled at 2 P. M. Prayer by Elder G. W Davis.

Enrollment of Officers:—W. R. Coats, Moderator; B. P. Parks, Treasurer; W. A. Jackson, Secretary.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Obituaries.—D. C. Johnson.

Temperance.—J. F. Davis.

Executive.—B. P. Parks, W. A. Jackson.

Ordaining Council.—W. R. Coats, B. P. Parks.

Apportionment Committee.—W. A. Jackson.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

W. R. Coats, H. R. Faircloth, D. C. Johnson, J. W. Moore, J. R. Wallace, Ezekiel Westbrook, B. P. Parks.

CHURCHES AND DELEGATES.

Hopewell, Ira Hill, Albert Johnson.
Powhatan, L. J. Williams, V. C. Pounds, D. C. Barbour.
Pleasant Grove, A. W. Faircloth, A. H. Jackson.
Shady Grove, M. E. Bass, Ernest Dudley.
St. Mary's Grove, J. W. Barbour.
Johnson Union, G. W. Howell.
T. Chapel, W. G. Oliver, C. H. Tiner.

APPOINTMENT OF TEMPORARY COMMITTEES.

Religious Exercise.—H. R. Faircloth, J. R. Wallace, J. S. Davis.

Finance.—Albert Johnson, W. G. Oliver, M. E. Bass.

The hand of fellowship is extended to Rev. G. W. Davis of the Western Conference.

Committee on religious exercises report to preach tonight at 7 P. M., Rev. Ezekiel Westbrook.

Rev. G. W. Davis was called on to address the Conference, he responded with an interesting message.

On motion Conference close till tomorrow 9:30. Prayer by J. T. Adams.

SECOND DAY—OCTOBER 30

Conference reassembeld according to adjournment. Devotional exercise conducted by Rev. D. R. Ennis.

Roll called. Minutes of yesterday read and approved.

ENROLLMENT SECOND DAY.

Obituaries.—D. R. Ennis.
Temperance.—W. R. Glover.
Education.—C. J. Thomas.
Ministerial Labor.—C. J. Thomas.
Mission Board.—C. J. Thomas.
Ordaining Council.—D. R. Ennis.
Apporionment Committeee.—C. J. Thomas.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

L. R. Ennis, D. R. Ennis, W. R. Glover, W. H. Lancaster.
Licentiates.—M. A. Warrick.

CHURCHES AND DELEGATES.

Bethel.—R. D. Stanley, Martha Blackman, Bessie Thomas.

Casey's Chapel.—B. F. Grant, Benjamin Casey, Jr., N. B. Powell.

Daly's Chapel.—C. W. Clark, Drew Farmer.

Goldsboro.—G. N. Bryan.

LaGrange.—O. Taylor, Jennie Dawson, Mamie Sutton.

Lee's Chapel.—N. T. Godwin, T. E. Godwin.

Riverside.—John Laughon, M. C. Williford.

Prospect.—J. E. Dorman, J. B. Parker, Mrs. J. B. Parker.

Yelverton's Grove.—C. W. Creech, J. M. Hamilton, L. E. Adams.

Corinth.—N. C. Strickland.

Robert's Grove.—R. M. Tew.

St. John.—M. D. Daily, David Vinson.

St. Mary's Grove.—L. L. Ferrell, J. W. Harper.

Hopewell.—G. W. Massengill.

Johnson Union.—H. B. Moore.

Shady Grove.—Loubelle West.

The hand of fellowship is extended to the following visiting delegates and ministers of the Western Conference, viz.:S. H.

Styron, R. N. Hinnant, W. M. Ferrell, also Rev. W. B. Everett, Financial Agent of the Free Will Baptist of North Carolina.

Reports from the various churches were received and read before the body. (See Statistical Table.)

The Committee on Religious Exercise report to preach at 11 A. M., Rev. W. M. Ferrell.

A recess of two hours is given for preaching and dinner.

AFTERNOON—SECOND DAY.

Conference reassembled at 1 P. M. Business was continued under reports from churches.

Rev. W. B. Everett, Financial Agent of the Free Will Baptist College, made a very forcible address in behalf of the needs of the College. A donation of $39.75 was made.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

The folowing reports are received and adopted:

Education. (See report.)

Mission Board. (See report).

Committee on Religious Exercise report to preach tonight at 7 P. M., Eld. W. R. Glover.

BY COMMITTEE.

On motion Conference close till tomorrow 9:30 P. M.

Prayer by Eld. L. R. Ennis.

THIRD DAY—OCTOBER 31.

Conference reassembled according to adjournment. Devotional exercises conducted by Rev. W. H. Lancaster.

Roll called. Minutes of yesterday read and approved.

ENROLLMENT—THIRD DAY.

Oak Grove.—J. E. Warren, J. G. Warren.

Business was continued under the head of reports from Committees. Treasurer and Finance Committee make their report. (See report.)

Committee on religious exercise report to preach today at 11 A. M., B. P. Parks; at 7 P. M., W. H. Lancaster; Sunday at 11 A. M., W. R. Coats.

Petitions were received from the following churches for the next session of Conference: Robert's Grove, St. Mary's Grove, Casey's Chapel, and T Chapel. The vote was in favor of Roberts Grove.

W. A. Jackson offers his resignation as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Ayden Seminary. Resignation is accepted and B. P. Parks is elected to fill the vacancy.

A recess of two hours is given for preaching and dinner.

AFTERNOON—THIRD DAY.

Conference reassembled at 1:15. Song service and prayer. Business was continued under the head of reports.

Ordaining Council make their report. (See report.)

Apportionment Committee make report. (See report.)

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The following officers are elected by acclamation: W. R. Coats, Moderator; B. P. Parks, Treasurer; W. A. Jackson, Secretary.

Rev. Hermon Wooten is elected to preach the introductory sermon.

On motion the funds now in hand by the treasurer of the special building fund for the boys dormitory at Middlesex be, and is hereby transferred to the general building fund to be used as the Orphanage Board thinks best. Provided he be allowed to refund to all individual donors at their request the amount they have donated.

ELECTION OF DELEGATES.

Eastern Conference.—B. P. Parks.

Western Conference.—D. C. Johnson.

Central Conference.—L. R. Ennis.

State Convention.—C. J. Thomas.

On motion a vote of thanks be extended the church at Hopewell and community for the pleasant manner in which they have entertained this Conference.

On motion the Secretary have 1000 copies of the proceedings on this Conference printed and distributed as follows: 25 copies each to the Eastern, Western, Central, French Broad and Rock Fish Conferences, and the remainder to be distributed among the various churches of this Conference according to membership.

On motion the Secretary be allowed to draw on the Treasurer for all expense of minutes together with $10.00 for his services.

On motion Conference adjourn to meet with the church at Roberts Grove, Sampson county, on Thursday before the first Sunday in November 1926, at 12 M. Prayer by Elder D. C. Johnson.

W. R. COATS, Moderator.

W. A. JACKSON, Secretary.

REPORTS.

Education.

We, the Educational Committee, beg leave to submit the following report:

Since last Conference we have given Bro. Herman Wooten $55.83, and loaned him $66.97 to help him in obtaining an education.

We are proud of the progress we have made as a denomination and hope that we may continue to rapidly move forward to the goal that we desire.

C. J. THOMAS.

Temperance.

We, the committee on temperance wish to report as follows:

Seeing the great evil of intemperance and the awful effect of strong drink on the lives of those who use it, we wish to insist that all of our people abstain from the use or sale of any intoxicants as a beverage. We also urge our people to help the officers of the law in any way possible to enforce the prohibition law.

J. F. DAVIS,
W. R. GLOVER.

Committee on Ministerial Labor.

Ten of our ministers have made reports to your committee and we find they have preached 1095 sermons, received 619 members, and were paid in all $7405.50.

We find nothing detrimental to the work and department of any of our ministers but that they have maintained a very high standard.

C. J. THOMAS.

Mission Board.

We have paid to Elders Ezekiel Westbrook and W. H. Lancaster $40.00. They report prospects for church organization at Princeton.

C. J. THOMAS,
J. C. WILLIFORD.

Ordaining Council.

We, your Ordaining Council report as follows: We have examined Bro. Herman Wooten and finding him orthodox in the faith and practice of the Free Will Baptist church, have ordained and set him apart to the full work of the ministry.

We recommend that his name be enrolled on the list of ordained ministers of the Cape Fear Conference.

W. R. COATS,
D. R. ENNIS,
B. P. PARKS.

Obituaries.

Since our last Conference the Lord has called from our number two of our beloved ministers, Bros. J. W. Lucas and W. A. Benson. We regret to lose them, but we trust our loss is their eternal gain.

D. C. JOHNSON,
D. R. ENNIS.

Apportionment Committee.

We, the Apportionment Committee, wish to recommend that the following distribution be made of all funds paid in at this Conference:

For Orphanage 25 per cent	$ 45.69
Fines for Orphanage	2.25
Ministerial Education, 12 1-2 per cent	22.84
College building, 12 1-2 per cent	22.84
Seminary Maintenance fund, 10 per cent	18.28
Seminary Ministerial loan, 15 per cent	27.41
Miscellaneous, 20 per cent	36.55
Disabled ministers, 5 per cent	9.00
Total	$185.00

W. A. JACKSON,
C. J. THOMAS,
W. H. MARTIN.

Treasurer and Finance Committee.

On hand at last Conference:

For Ministerial loan fund	$ 66.97
Seminary Maintenance fund	44.65
Ayden College	55.83
Ministerial education	55.83
Disabled Ministers	48.20
Orphanage building fund	44.65
Miscellaneous	156.28
Total	$472.41

Paid out since last conference:

W. B. Everett for college	$ 55.83
T. E. Beaman for Seminary	44.65

Orphanage building fund	44.65
Herman Wooten	55.83
Herman Wooten, loan fund	66.97
Ayden Printing Co., for minutes	47.50
W. A. Jackson	10.00
Total	$325.43

Balance on hand:

Disabled ministers $48.20; miscellaneous $98.78; total	146.98
Received at this Conference	185.00
Total on hand	$331.98

B. P. PARKS, Treas.
ALBERT JOHNSON,
M. E. BASS,
W. G. OLIVER,
Committee.

Ministers	Churches Served	Members Received	Sermons Preached	Days in Revival	Churches Organized	Deacons Ordained	Funerals Preached	Sunday School Organiezed	Sunday School Lectures	Married	Mission Point	Missionary Societies Org.	Amount Received
L. R. Ennis	3	30	792	71	--	--	5	--	--	--	--	--	$1623.08
W. R. Coats	3	102	148	40	--	3	4	--	4	5	1	--	822.50
W. R. Glover	-	---	18	4	--	--	2	--	4	1	--	--	5.00
D. C. Johnson	1	19	69	6	--	2	13	--	4	14	1	--	85.00
J. W. Moore	--	---	---	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	-------
W. H. Lancaster	2	17	115	26	--	--	1	--	1	2	1	--	891.75
A. B. Peavy	--	---	---	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	-------
J. R. Wallace	1	---	36	10	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	50.00
Ezekiel Westbrook	--	12	30	26	1	1	1	--	--	--	--	--	93.15
J. G. Whittenton	--	---	---	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	-------
H. R. Faircloth	3	118	105	58	--	3	12	--	--	8	1	--	807.06
D. R. Ennis	2	20	105	20	--	--	3	2	1	--	--	--	286.43
B. P. Parks	3	126	126	54	--	--	4	--	3	1	1	--	1875.90
Herman Wooten	1	76	175	41		1	4	1	2	1	---	2	861.72

STATISTICAL TABLE, 1925.

Churches	Con. Funds	Paid to Pastor	Asst. Pas. Ser-	Orphanage	Education	Mission	Miscellaneous	S. S. Funds	Val. Ch. Prop.	Mem. Received	Baptized	Excluded	Dismissed	Died	Increased	Deceased	Males	Females	Total
Bethel	$10.00	$300.00	$ 50·00	$-----	$-----	$ ---	$ 45.00	$ 80·00	$3000	54	46	1	--	4	49	--	97	112	209
Corinth	5.00	100.00	50.50	------	------	----	------	15.00	1000	2	1	--	--	--	2	--	50	60	110
Casey's Chapel	5.00	239.09	49.70	10.00	------	----	131.97	35.00	4500	16	11	8	--	2	6	--	31	58	87
Daly's Chapel	5.00	60.00	40.00	10.00	------	----	------	------	1100	--	--	1	--	1	--	2	51	67	118
Goldsboro	10·00	685.00	100·00	297.60	145.00	----	103.34	------	5000	10	4	--	--	2	8	--	---	---	149
Hopewell	23.60	346.11	43.50	72.00	------	----	1000.00	38.39	4000	52	42	--	4	--	48	--	79	109	188
Johnson Union	8.00	300.10	60.00	------	------	----	20.00	200.00	6500	30	22	--	--	2	28	--	83	112	195
LaGrange	4.50	240.00	30.00	35.00	------	----	------	------	2000	8	6	--	--	--	--	--	14	44	58
Lee's Chapel	6.00	402.02	------	175.00	------	2.00	1000.00	40.00	3000	13	12	--	--	2	11	--	83	98	181
Oak Grove	6.00	285.90	57.50	116.55	------	----	200.00	29.66	750	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	50	71	127
Powhatan	18.50	323.40	82.60	------	------	----	------	------	4000	9	8	2	--	--	7	--	101	142	243
Prospect	6.35	160.43	74.89	34.00	------	----	------	15.00	1500	21	18	--	1	--	20	--	58	76	132
Pleasant Grove	10.50	194·42	------	------	------	----	------	------	2000	17	12	--	--	1	16	--	50	74	124
Riverside	5.00	116·75	10.50	21.80	3.00	----	11.30	11.95	1000	--	--	--	2	1	--	3	22	38	60
Robert's Grove	6.00	263.10	------	99.82	------	2.00	178·82	33.48	1500	3	3	1	--	1	1	--	32	61	93
Shady Grove	17.25	455.05	75.00	123.40	25.00	12·50	1500.00	164.00	3500	12	11	3	1	3	5	--	139	295	434
St. Paul	5.00	200.00	32.00	42.00	40.00	----	------	20.00	1000	4	3	--	--	3	1	--	60	65	125
St. Mary's	9·05	85.00	40.00	25.00	------	----	145.00	------	1000	18	12	--	2	2	14	--	50	70	120
St. John	7.00	75.00	22.00	5.00	------	----	20.00	25.00	1000	1	--	1	--	--	--	--	20	25	45
T. Chapel	5.00	180.00	35.55	33|28	------	----	32.20	20.00	1500	52	46	--	2	1	49	--	73	109	182
Yelverton Grove	10·00	140.55	4.75	------	------	----	100.00	------	1000	17	16	--	--	--	17	--	24	40	64

TABLE III.—CHURCH DIRECTORY 1925

Churches and Counties	Clerk	Post Office Address	Pastors for 1925
Bethel, Johnston	Joe Moore	Four Oaks	L. Vernon
Corinth, Sampson	N. C. Strickland	Dunn	D. R. Ennis
Casey's Chapel, Wayne	Benjamin Casey	Goldsboro	R. N. Hines
Daly's Chapel, Lenoir	Daisy Carlisle	LaGrange	J. R. Wallace
Hopewell, Johnston	L. K. Stallings	Goldsboro	L. R. Ennis
Goldsboro, Wayne	Mellie Johnston	Smithfield	H. R. Faircloth
Johnston Union, Johnston	Allie Thomas	Wilson Mills	L. Vernon
Lee's Chapel, Sampson	W. B. Godwin	Dunn	B. P. Parks
Oak Grove, Sampson	Westbrook Lee, Sr.	Newton Grove	B. P. Parks
Powhatan, Johnston	N. C. Smith	Clayton	H. R. Faircloth
Prospect, Harnett	R. McLeod	Duke	D. R. Ennis
Pleasant Grove, Harnett	A. W. Faircloth	Linden	W. H. Lancaster
Riverside, Wayne	L. P. Williford	Princeton	W. H. Lancaster
Robert's Grove, Sampson	S. F. Jackson	Cooper	B. P. Parks
Shady Grove, Sampson	W. A. Jackson	Cooper	S. H. Styron
St. Paul, Sampson	J. H. Britt	Newton Grove	Cyrus Johnson
St. Mary's, Johnston	R. A. Coats	Four Oaks	D. C. Johnson
St. John, Wayne	Beatrice Walls	Goldsboro	A. A. Wells
Union Springs, Johnston	W. A. Gregory	Coats	Ezekiel Westbrook
LaGrange, Lenoir	J. W. Wilson	LaGrange	L. R. Ennis
Yelverton's Grove, Johnston	L. E. Adams	Wilson Mills	H. R. Faircloth
T. Chapel, Johnston	Stalie Langley	Pine Level	W. R. Coats

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT, 1925.

Name of School	Superintendent	Delegates	No. Members on roll	Average Attendance	Mem. S. S. on Church roll	Join Church from S. S.	No. Organ. Classes in S. S.	No. Unorg. Classes in S. S.	No Teachers in S. S.	Total Amt. Paid Out	Miscellaneous Fund	Amt. Paid for Literature	Convention Fund
Corinth	G. L. Tew	N. C. Strickland	100	60	40	2	3	--	3	$11.00	$10.00	$21.00	$ .75
Robert's Grove	S. F. Jackson	William Carroll	70	27	40	1	3	1	4	18.70	2.50	21.20	.25
Lee's Chapel	J. R. Hobson	Harvey Hinson	131	75	70	13	6	--	6	65.56	28.71	94.25	1.00
Shady Grove	W. A. Jackson	J. R. Bass	200	120	135	12	6	--	6	41.88	71.76	113.76	2.00
Oak Grove	Avery Lee	V. W. Williams	110	56	40	5	4	1	5	15.16	12.56	27.66	2.00

The Convention was held at Lee's Chapel church on Saturday, before the Second Sunday in October.

The next Convention will be held at Corinth church on Saturday, before the Second Sunday in October, 1926, at 10 A. M.

KIRBY WEST, President.

CORNEVA LEE, Secretary.